I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent by facsimile transmission in accordance with § 1.6(d) addressed to Art Unit 1652, Facsimile No. (703) 872-9306. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date shown below. Date: December 18, 2001 PATENT Docket No. GC382-US IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of Group Art Unit: 1652 David A. Estell Examiner: Yong Pak Serial No.: 09/462,845 Filed: January 13, 2000 Proteases from Gram-Positive For: Organisms PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2001: ______; the extension fee is \$110.00. one month to ___ two months to December 27, 2001; the extension fee is \$400.00. three months to _____; the extension fee is \$920.00. four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,440.00. five months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,960.00. The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period. The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC382-US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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